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Intimations.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 12th, 13th and 14th instant.  
Hongkong, February 7, 1906.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 12th, 13th and 14th instant respectively.  
By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9, 1906.

WANTED.

A SHROFF, with good Security.  
Apply  
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are in receipt of Telegramic Advice to the effect that the s.s. 'LOTHIAN', which sailed hence for New York on the 14th December last, has put into Malta for repairs, and it will be necessary for the steamer to dry dock there before proceeding on her voyage to New York.  
DODWELL & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be resumed on THURSDAY, 16th instant.  
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THE HEADMASTER.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

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s.s. 'HANKOW', 3,073 tons, Captain C. V. Lloyd.  
s.s. 'KINSHAN', 1,995 tons, Captain J. J. Lossing.  
Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).  
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These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

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s.s. 'HEUNGSHAN', 1,995 tons, Captain G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.  
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 3 p.m.  
Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. 'LUNGSHAN', 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.  
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.

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One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.  
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RACE MEETING, 1906.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

12TH, 13TH, 14TH AND 17TH FEBRUARY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs KELLY & WALSH, LTD., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 for day.

Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 6, 1906.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARD request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 17th instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved for the Members and Members' Wives and Families, tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets after WEDNESDAY, 7th instant.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved for Chinese Ladies and their Female Attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of Ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 6, 1906.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACE COURSE during the Race Days. WIRE OUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersecretary between WEDNESDAY, 7th and MONDAY, 12th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 6, 1906.

RACES!!

CAFE WEISMANN.

TIFFIN AND BAR.

BOOTH No. 7.

Hongkong, February 8, 1906.

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When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.  
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For Indigestion, Heartburn,  
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THEY ARE INVARIABLE  
FOR THE USE OF FEMALES.  
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PREVENT FRICTION IN CLEANING  
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which will shortly be ready to produce on  
a large scale the best Buzon Coal.  
Sole Agents for Kiso, Kanata (Tagawa) and  
Yashimochi Collieries (Karatani).  
The Head and Branch Offices and the  
Agencies of the Company will receive any  
order for Coals produced from the above  
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Coal sold in 1904 by the Company  
amounted to 1,520,000 tons.

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this well-known best and most economical  
steam coal in the East is now produced in  
abundance and can be supplied in any  
quantity.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,**  
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NOTICE.  
FROM this date, and during the absence  
of Mr. G. L. T. TOLLIN from the  
Colon, Mr. C. P. BERTON has been  
Appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the  
Company.  
A. G. WOOD,  
Chairman.

NOTICE.  
THE Public is invited to inspect the  
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POST CARD ALBUMS,  
AND ALSO  
A Valuable Collection of  
RARE POSTAGE STAMPS  
FOR SALE  
at GRACE & Co.'s Stall,  
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Hongkong, February 8, 1906.

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We beg to notify the Public generally  
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EVAPORATED CREAM  
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it as  
'SIMPLY DELICIOUS'.  
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**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.**  
THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the Company will be held in  
the OFFICE of the GENERAL MANA-  
GERS, St. George's Building, Victoria,  
on SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1906, at  
11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving  
Statement of Accounts and the Report of  
the General Managers for the year ending  
31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend  
and electing a Consulting Committee and  
Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 20th  
February, until SATURDAY, 24th  
February, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1906.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK**  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY,  
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, New Praya, on  
MONDAY, the 20th February, 1906, at 12  
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the Directors and the State-  
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,  
1905.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 18th to the  
20th February, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the ORDINARY HALF YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Corporation will be held at the CITY  
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
24th day of February, 1906, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,  
1905, and the Report of the General  
Managers, and to elect a Consulting  
Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 21st  
February, to the 7th March, both days  
inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1906.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from  
SATURDAY, 10th February, to the 24th  
day of February, (both days inclusive),  
during which period no Transfer of Shares  
can be registered.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1906.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,**  
LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-  
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above Company will  
be held at the OFFICES of the  
COMPANY, King's Buildings, Cornhill,  
Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of  
March, 1906, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for  
the purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts to the 31st December, 1905,  
and the Report of the General Managers,  
and to elect a Consulting Committee and  
Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 21st  
February, to the 7th March, both days  
inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1906.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
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## Intimations.

**SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,**  
HONGKONG.  
TO THE  
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.  
TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the  
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS, and  
VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amend-  
ed), every Domestic Building or part of  
such building within the Eastern Division  
of the City of Victoria, and the Eastern  
division of Kowloon occupied by Members  
of more than one family must be CLEAN-  
ED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT  
by the Owner during the months of  
January and February.  
The word 'throughout' used in  
this notice means that the houses should be  
limewashed in respect of all the Walls of  
each Room and Staircase—all cubicle parti-  
tions—Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all  
Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs; both  
in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants'  
Quarters and including Verandas.  
The Backyard should have its Containing  
Walls Limewashed up to the level of the  
First Floor.  
Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork  
in good condition, however, need not be  
limewashed but must be Cleaned.  
The Eastern Division of the City is bound-  
ed on the West by Gilman Street and Peel  
Street, Kowloon is divided into the Eastern  
and Western divisions by Robinson Road  
and a straight line drawn from the North  
end thereof through the Yaumati Services  
Reservoir to the northern boundary of  
Kowloon.  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.  
Dated this 1st day of February, 1906.

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND  
MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE SEVENTY-NINTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the Company will  
be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY,  
Hotel Mansions, on THURSDAY the 15th  
February at 11 A.M. for the purpose of  
receiving a report of the Directors, together  
with a statement of accounts, declaring a  
dividend, confirming the appointment of  
Directors and electing Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

**HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of  
the General Managers, at 12.30 P.M., on  
THURSDAY, 15th February, to receive a  
Statement of the Company's Accounts to  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
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## FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

In their freight circular dated February 10, Messrs. Lambie and Rogge report:-

There has been a change in our market since last report under date of the 24th ultimo, inasmuch as at last Saigon has been coming forward more freely with enquiries after tonnage, and, whilst there still remains a number of boats undisposed of, several have found employment and for fairly prompt work, and the season once opened the demand thus created may be expected to continue. We have to record business done Saigon to Philippines, 1 port, (small sizes only), at 20, 31 and 3 cents, to Hongkong at 14 and 15 cents, to Japan at 20 and 30 cents, to Java, 1 port N.C., at 23 and 24 cents. It will be noted that rates are low, and indeed, if the considerable increase in cost of bunkers over last year's prices is taken into account there is no gainsaying the fact that, if any, there is not much of a margin in any of these freights, and they badly want improving. However, as the demand regulates rates, increased enquiries may help to better the figures, and, anyhow, the market is better than it has been for the last few months.

From North Coast Java to this port, dry and wet sugar, a Charter is reported lumpsum on basis of about 27 cents per picul, a fixture which could not now be repeated. Holo has had a charter to this port of a small carrier 17,000 piculs at about 10 cents per picul.

To load at Broekton, (Labuan), for Singapore, a small steamer has been done locally at \$2.50 per ton. Northern freights have remained dull. Coal freights from Japan are still as difficult to procure as they are low. From Muji to this port, only fixture report is of a 3,000 ton boat at \$1.10 per ton, done in Japan. Murotan to Hongkong, \$1.50 per ton has been done. To load at Wakamatsu a boat has been chartered for Hongkong at \$1.25, and another one for Amoy and Hongkong at \$1.75 and \$1.20 per ton respectively.

On monthly terms, the charter of Norway, "Fido" as reported on 12th January has been cancelled. Germ. s.s. "Puma" Luyken, carrying 35,000 piculs capacity, has been fixed for natives account for 6 months at \$5.00, per month, prompt. Sailors:—There is nothing new to advise as to charters.

Disengaged: British ship "Vincen", 1,776 tons net reg. Departures:—Norw. ship "Otra", for Seychelles Islands, 6th February. Amer. schooner "David Evans", 6th February, from Manila, for Port Townsend, 7th February.

## CURED OF CONSTIPATION.

AN ENGINEER PREPARES BILE BEANS.

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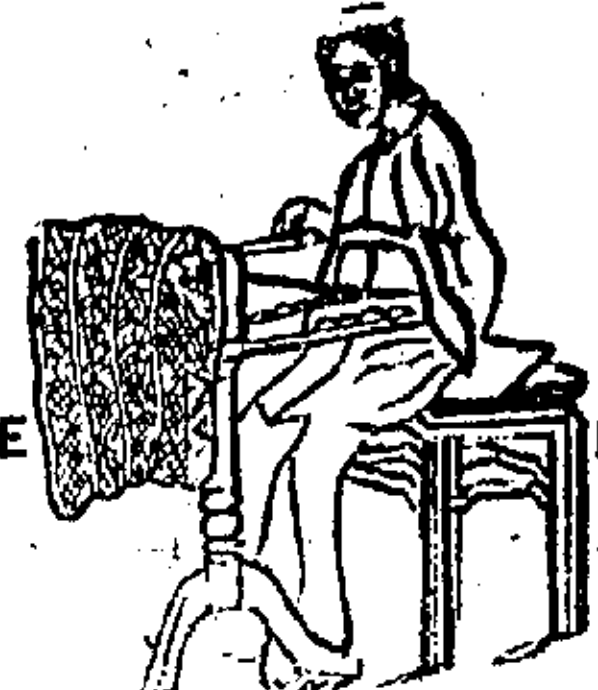
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## Intimations.

## EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

New York, December 14th, 1905. TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

I had hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 9th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as CHAIRMAN of the BOARD, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs. Soon after I was elected PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, under directions to render complete and exhaustive reports on the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.  
2. The real estate investments of the Company, including the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried on the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair valuation of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried on the books of the Society. (If necessary, real estate experts may be employed in ascertaining the value and income of the real estate, subject, of course, to my approval as to men and terms).  
3. The other investments of the Society; their character; and the circumstances under which they have been made.  
4. The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.  
5. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.  
6. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, safe deposit companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or other interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be ascertained so far as practicable.  
7. The subjects covered by the report of the Investigating Committee which Mr. Frick was Chairman should be fully investigated.

8. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully expressed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following notes and reproduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 25, 1905. Mr. PAUL MORSON, President, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 12, Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far completed, that we are now able to furnish a Financial Position Sheet showing the true Financial Position of the Society as of September 30th, 1905. The Assets of the Society as claimed were all found to be on hand, and amounted in value to \$416,166,500.00 as shown by the Balance Sheet.

The Surplus over and above all Liabilities amounted to \$397,142,865.42. A conservative revaluation of all the real estate owned by the Society or covered by mortgages held by the Society, has resulted in a reduction in certain of the values adopted in the Society's last Annual Report, principally in Real Estate and in Stocks of certain financial institutions.

Yours very truly, (Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Chartered Accountants.

by A. LOWES DICKSON, F.O.A., C.F.A. (Signed) HASKINS & SELLA, Certified Public Accountants, by ELIAH W. SELLA, C.F.A.

You will be gratified to learn: (1) That all the assets claimed by the Society are on hand, and of a high grade and are conservatively worth \$416,166,500.00. (2) That, over and above all liabilities, the surplus is \$397,142,865.42, about seven-eighths of which is a fund for division among existing deferred dividend policies at the end of their accumulation periods. (3) That the reduction in the book value of our assets and surplus is caused by a revaluation on a conservative basis, and in no way reduces the income of the Society.

The decrease in the value of assets is chiefly in real estate which was carried at prices too high and in shares of certain financial institutions which were carried at market prices based on transaction which were deemed by the accountants to be excessive.

ECONOMIES amounting to \$800,000.00 a year have already been introduced, which is equivalent to an additional investment of over \$15,000,000. This more than covers the marking down of assets, and expost to institute still further economies of a radical character.

RESTITUTION. Under the past management transactions involving the expenditure of large sums of money have been carried through frequently without any proper authority of the Board of Directors and with very meagre bookkeeping records; so that it has been difficult in many instances to secure explanation of certain transactions which have taken place during the last ten years, some of which involve a financial loss to the Society.

The liabilities discovered by the Society, and the amounts restored to the Society, approximate \$1,000,000, and local proceedings have been instituted for the recovery of considerable additional sums.

It will be the policy of the Society hereafter not to make contributions to political campaigns. It is my opinion that we have no right to use the funds of the Society for any such purpose.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS. In the last ten years the Society has loaned over \$150,000,000 on real estate mortgages, mostly in large cities. Only in six of these cases has it had to take property under foreclosure and in these six instances the property was sold so as to not a profit. It will continue to be the policy of the Society to make investments of this description.

COST OF INSURANCE. The very essence of life insurance is safety and this can be secured only by reasonable premiums. A great many Equitable policyholders are doubtless asking themselves the question whether it will pay them to continue their policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically that my investigation of the affairs of the Society has convinced me that there is no cheaper way for the policyholders of the Equitable to have sound life insurance than by retaining their policies.

As I have pointed out the surplus of over \$397,000,000, a carefully invested upon a basis which returns an excellent rate of interest upon the revised valuations, and I expect in due time to accomplish such economies that the cost of administration and securing new business will be reduced to the lowest level consistent with safety and efficiency. I, accordingly, believe that by continuing your policies in the Equitable you will receive life insurance at the lowest cost consistent with safety.

Therefore advise you to continue to pay your premiums, and let your policies stand under which they will pay them in full. Your contract with this Society are as safe and sound as anything earthly can be. Where lapses have already occurred the agents of the Society will cheerfully assist in restoring policies.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN 1905. I congratulate you and all policyholders in solvent concern with the reformatory results on the revaluation of the past year. This Society alone has undergone four separate investigations since January 1st. The extraordinary legal and other expenses entailed thereby is amply compensated for by the enforced restitutions and checked final accounts have been made and by the aid and advocacy of your Society. I am convinced that this and other investigations and the resulting stimulation of discussion have attracted public attention to the impregnable strength of established companies like the Equitable more effectively than could have been done by any other means. While these investigations may have been destructive of individual reputations, the utility of life insurance has been more fully demonstrated than ever before.

There will be no effort by the new administration to have the biggest and best in the world, the effect will be to make it the best and safest. Conservative lines will be followed. It will be the policy not to solicit or secure new business at the expense of the present policyholders, and in case it is determined that business in any section of the world is unprofitable, that field will be abandoned.

Over 98 per cent of our death claims are settled within 24 hours after proof of death is received, and since January 1st, 1905, through all of the agitation concerning life insurance, this Society alone has paid out in death claims and benefits of other kinds over \$410,769,979.97.

Assuring you that there will be my constant endeavor to conduct the affairs of this Society in a manner that will merit your hearty approbation, I am, Very truly yours, PAUL MORSON, President.

BALANCE SHEET. September 30th, 1905. Assets. Real Estate.....\$28,552,770.00 Secured Loans.....113,776,096.04 Bonds, Stocks and other Securities.....235,538,062.00 Cash in Banks and Trust Companies.....72,844,784.78 Agents' Balances.....4,014,692.45 Premiums in course of Collection.....5,895,432.43 Unpaid Dividends.....2,565,794.81 Commissions and Current Expenses.....2,195,414.19 Premiums received in advance.....1,989,694.66 Capital Stock.....400,000.00 Total Assets.....\$416,166,500.00

Liabilities. General Insurance Reserve: net present value of all outstanding policies computed with 4.03 and 5 per cent interest and 342,865.42. Current Liabilities: Death claims, endowments, annuities and dividends due and unpaid.....2,565,794.81 Commissions and Current Expenses.....2,195,414.19 Premiums.....1,989,694.66 Capital Stock.....400,000.00 Total Liabilities.....\$397,142,865.42

We hereby certify that in our opinion the above balance sheet is correct and is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Society at September 30th, 1905. (Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO. (Signed) HASKINS & SELLA. Hongkong, February 8, 1906. 285

## Intimations.



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The following is a list of my Cigarettes made from the Best Turkish Tobacco imported at 40% to 50% cheaper than imported cigarettes of equal quality.

NAME	SIZE	PACKED IN BOXES OF	PRICE PER 100
Great Britain, largest	60	60 & 100	\$4.50
Venus, largest	60	60 & 100	3.00
Hongkong Club (cork tipped), large	60 & 100	3.00	
Admiral, medium	100	2.20	
Princess, gold tipped (ladies), small	100	2.00	
Flor de Oriente, with tubes (ladies), small	100	2.00	
Military (gold tipped), medium	100	2.00	
Germania, medium	100	1.80	
Paris, small	100	1.50	
The Peak Tram, any	medium	100	1.50
Empire of China (gold tipped), medium	100	1.20	
Luistano, medium	100	1.00	

We also make cheap cigarettes of second-grade Turkish Tobacco at \$5.00 per 1000. Minimum Quantity sold—1,000.  
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 Chicken's Livers ..... 4 cts. each  
 Chicken's Gizzards ..... 4 cts. each  
 Ducks, Local (dressed) ..... 65 cts. each  
 Ducks, Wild ..... 75 cts. each  
 Australian Smoked Mullet ..... 50 cts. per lb.  
 do do Schnapper, 50 cts. each  
 Geese, Local (dressed) ..... \$1.50 each  
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DEATH.  
 FERRIS.—On February 6, at No. 17, Haining Road, Shanghai, the infant son of Mr and Mrs F. F. FERRIS, Shanghai, aged 14 months.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.  
 Miscellaneous.  
 11.45 a.m.—Exchange Banks Close.  
 11.45 a.m.—Insurance Office Close.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 16—  
 11 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Office.  
 9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall. Goods per Dongola not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 17—  
 Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered Office.  
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TUESDAY, February 20—  
 Transfer Books of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., close from this date to 24th February inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 21—  
 Transfer Books of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 7th March inclusive.

FRIDAY, February 23—  
 9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.  
 Transfer Books of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., close from this date to 8th March inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 24—  
 11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at General Manager's Office.  
 Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

MONDAY, February 26—  
 Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

WEDNESDAY, March 7—  
 Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 8—  
 Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1906.

## JAPAN AND CHINA.

Our Tokyo Correspondent has mentioned in recent letters on more than one occasion that the Japanese press was drawing attention to the pronounced anti-Japanese propaganda going on in China. The movement has gained sufficient importance to warrant Mr Uchida, the Japanese Minister at Peking, making representations to the Waiwupu. Mr Uchida particularly directs the notice of the Chinese authorities to the writings of one Tsou Hsien and others of Canton who, in season and out, preach a gospel of bitter antagonism to Japan and the Japanese. The Japanese Minister warns the Waiwupu that friendship and harmony between the countries are endangered by these writings and he requests their interdiction. Such a request would be absurd in most civilized countries, and even if it is acted upon in China the attempted suppression of the offenders will only have the result of giving them and their principles a wider publicity. Japan would be better advised to indulge in a little introspection and see whether she has been quite guiltless of any action which might arouse patriotic fears in China. It may very possibly be that the conduct of an official representative of the Island Kingdom, both in Manchuria and Corea, have given the Chinese food for thought. We place very little reliance in the wild and improbable charges which certain of our contemporaries in the North carelessly hurl against Japan. On the other hand we have learnt from unprejudiced observers that the lower class Japanese treated the native population of both Corea and Manchuria with arrogance and contempt. In Corea especially life and property were distinctly unsafe for such time as the military authorities permitted the sway of the Japanese ports to follow their own devices. These things are exaggerated to the detriment of Japan as a nation and it will take some time for the fears they have engendered to die out. We think however that good feeling would be restored quicker if the Chinese agitators were left severely alone.

Electioneering exigencies often compel men to do strange things and jokes about bashful bachelor candidates having to caress squealing babies have become venerable. This kind of bribe does not appear to be held sufficient cause for an appeal to the courts, but a new type

introduced by Mrs Horner, wife of one of the candidates for North Lambeth, might easily lead to an application to the justice in Probate and Divorce jurisdiction. This lady who, like many others including many peers, was energetically canvassing for her husband, was asked by one of 40 navvies, whom she was addressing, if she would give a kiss for a vote. Mrs. Horner rose to the occasion. Quite unlike the maid who "swearing she would never consent, consented," she caressed the swain and said "There, pass it round. You can't expect me to kiss the lot." Of course the navy was something the better, but this sort of thing, if it became customary, would rather restrain patriots with good-looking wives from wooing an electorate.

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

On the recommendation of Viceroy Chang, Wuchang will probably be opened to foreign trade.

The Turk and Greek who murdered Inspector Kelly at Changsha, Hunan, have been duly executed by the official Liuyang.

The Board of Revenue has refused to allow Viceroy Tsen to contract a loan for Tls. 10,000,000 with Messrs. Mandl and Co. for various undertakings in his administration.

There were no cases of any importance at the Magistracy this morning, and consequently the business of both courts was finished at an early hour. The inference is that the people were too busy at the races to get into trouble.

The French Minister has notified the Waiwupu that, owing to the separation of Church and State in France, diplomatic questions concerning the Roman Catholic propaganda in China will only receive his attention if they concern French citizens.

His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott gave his decision yesterday afternoon in the case of Chan Yip Shi versus the Wing Kee Firm, an application for a trial of issue as to whether Lau Sia Cheun was a partner in the defendant firm. Judgment on the issue was for the plaintiff with costs.

## Proposed Combined Manoeuvres.

It is stated in Mandarin circles at Peking that it is proposed to hold next Autumn combined manoeuvres of the troops of the Peiyang and Nanyang and Hukwang administrations, which will number a combined army of about one hundred thousand men, and that the manoeuvres are to be held in Honan province which serves as a half-way point between the provinces concerned.

## A Large "Stock."

The West Point police have been kept busy during the last few days capturing undesirable characters who came to Hongkong in the hope of making a harvest during the Prince's visit. That the officers have been successful was clearly demonstrated yesterday by the fact that no fewer than nine men were placed in the stocks in the vicinity of the police station. These malefactors drew a great deal of attention at one time, being the centre of attraction for fully 20,000 people, and a special force of police had to be sent out to keep the roads clear.

## The Golden Fleece.

The Marquis de Villalobar, First Secretary and Counselor of the Spanish Embassy, recently left London on an interesting errand to Madrid. In 1805 Charles IV. of Spain conferred on King Louis of Holland, Napoleon I., and Prince Broochi Orders of the Golden Fleece. In 1815, after the downfall of Napoleon, these Orders were cancelled, and found their way eventually into the possession of a French museum. Quite recently they were inherited by the Empress-Eugenie who sent them yesterday by the Marquis de Villalobar as a gift to the Spanish Government.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 13th at 11.45a. The barometer has fallen generally.  
 A deep depression lies to the N.E. of Japan, and a shallow area of low pressure is shown near the southern Loochoos. Pressure is highest over N. China.  
 Moderate but increasing monsoon is indicated in the Formosa Channel, and light to moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.  
 Forecast:—E. to N. winds, moderate; rainy at first, probably improving later.

The N. D. L. "Prinzess Alice," which arrived this morning, made an exceptionally fast trip from Singapore.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## VENEZUELA AND FRANCE.

## INTERNAL TREACHERY.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).  
 LONDON, February 12.

The Vice-president of the Venezuelan Republic is reported to be plotting against President Castro. It is also stated that he is prepared to assist France.

## AUSTRO-ITALIAN TREATY.

## THE TREATMENT OF WORKMEN.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).  
 LONDON, February 10.

The Austro-Italian Commercial Treaty has been signed. It provides for a special convention for the regulating of the treatment of workmen on the basis of reciprocity.

## THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

## Preparing for Trouble.

LONDON, February 11.  
 Secretary Taft has asked the Senate for a supplementary grant for barracks in Manila, explaining that it might, one day, be necessary to send troops to China.

NATIVE TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
 The Natal Premier has decided to request the employment of Imperial troops for suppressing the native trouble.

## FOOTBALL.

## Ireland Beats England.

Ireland has beaten England at Rugby by 16 to 6.

## THE TRANSVAAL.

## Committee Appointed.

LONDON, February 11.  
 The Government has appointed a committee, consisting of Lord Elgin, Lord Ripon, Mr Asquith, Mr Haldane and Mr Winston Churchill, to study the problems of the Transvaal.

## LAUNCH OF THE "DREAD-NOUGHT."

## Admirals Honoured.

The King has launched the "Dread-nought," it is understood that the ship embodies all the war experience of the Japanese.

After the launch, the King invested Rear Admiral Percy Scott, inspector of target practice, with a knighthood of the Victorian Order, it is understood in connection with the recent great gunnery improvement in the navy.

## IRISH HOME RULE.

The Irish party in Dublin refuses to support any English party or Government not making Home Rule a cardinal point of their programme.

## THE MANCHURIA NEGOTIATIONS.

## Russia's Counter Claims.

Peking, February 6.  
 The Russian Minister has lodged several counter proposals against the terms proposed by China as the basis of the negotiations. These counter-proposals are believed to be as follows:—

1. That Russia shall be granted a concession to build a railway through Gaiaku-lun and Urga, connecting with the Chinese Eastern railway.

2. That Russia shall have equal rights with Japan in Manchuria.

3. That the proposed railway in Heilungkiang province shall be the joint enterprise of Russia and China.

4. That Russia shall have prior right to mining and other concessions in Heilungkiang and Kirin provinces.

5. That in case China requires any foreign advisers in the administration of the above provinces, she shall employ Russian subjects.

6. That the falling of timber in Heilungkiang shall be the joint enterprise of Russia and China.

7. That Russia shall be given the right to construct the Urga Kiakhta Railway.

N. O. Daily News.

## Influences.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## JAPAN AND THE RAILWAYS.

## NATIONALISATION SCHEME.

(From Our Correspondent).  
 SHANGHAI, February 13.

The Japanese Government in introducing a Bill to nationalise the railways within the Empire.

## FOREIGN GARRISONS IN THE NORTH.

## THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL.

(From Our Correspondent).  
 SHANGHAI, February 13.

Germany last year proposed the withdrawal of all foreign garrisons from North China, and in consequence of that suggestion, combined with the fact that Baron Munst von Schwarzenstein, the German Minister at Peking, has been transferred to Tokyo, the Waiwupu has now taken the matter up.

The Waiwupu made representations to the German Minister, and as a result Baron Schwarzenstein called a meeting of the Ministers yesterday and the question was discussed.

It is believed that a decision was come to to shortly withdraw the garrisons at Peking and on the Tientsin railway.

## THE PRINCE.

## A Trip to the New Territory.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur and party spent a quiet day to-day, there being no programme arranged for their entertainment.

Notwithstanding the rain that fell during the morning the Prince and party accompanied His Excellency the Governor on a trip into the New Territory, going as far as Tai Po. His Highness was much interested in the Territory and it is to be regretted that he was not able to see it in good weather.

After dinner to-night at Government House the Royal party will embark on the cruiser "Diamant," leaving Blake Pier at 10 o'clock, and are to proceed by the cruiser direct to Japan.

It was at one time stated that His Highness contemplated a visit to Macao but this has now been abandoned.

## THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

## Insurgents Slain During 1905.

A Kuailin despatch states that in obedience to instructions received from Governor Li Chin-hai, who has held office just one year, the prefects, subprefects, and district magistrates of that portion of Kwangsi province in insurrection have sent up to His Excellency a detailed report of the number of insurgents killed in battle by their respective militia, or decapitated after arrest during the past twelve months.

This number, alone, is stated to amount to 21,643, not counting the insurgents slain, or slaughtered in battle, or ambushed by the Imperial troops during the period under review, which is estimated to number at least a third more than the total given above.

These twelve months are represented in the reports as "peaceful" ones as compared with the time when revolution was at its height in the province in 1902, 1903, and 1904. If this be so one may well hesitate to not down the enormous total of lives lost in Kwangsi in one way or another during the past fifty months.

The new C.M. steamer "Hain Kong," built by Messrs Fairbank, Boyd and Co., Ltd., for the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company for their coast service, was to have been launched from the builders' Pootung Works at Shanghai, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 2 p.m.

## France and Football.

The football match between the New Zealanders and a team representing all France, which was played in Paris, resulted in a victory for the visitors by 33 points to 8. The French team played excellently.

STEARN'S HEADACHE CURE can be obtained from all dispensaries (quickly by post). Never be without the Genuine.

"Bonaparte opposes a big navy." One of the Secretary's collateral ancestors had the same experience.—The Philadelphia North American.

## A Prominent Publisher Endorses Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

MR Leen C. Streeter, proprietor of the Worcester, Cape Colony, Standard, says: "For the past seven years, or since we have been in South Africa, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has always been kept in our household. My wife has found it to be invaluable with the children and croupy symptoms have disappeared with astonishing rapidity under its influence. For sale by All Dealers; WALKERS & Co., Ltd., General Agents."



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1906.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## THE RACES.

## Second Day.

The second day of the races dawned even more unpromising than the first day. From early morn a light mist was falling which dampened everything, including the spirits of the spectators. The hills surrounding the Valley were draped in fog, while underfoot all was spongy. The decorations looked drab and dingy, and almost everyone on the course wore an overcoat or cloak. It was a dismal scene—a more uninviting one for a race-meeting could hardly be imagined. The stands which line the western side of the course were well occupied, most of the people present taking refuge there, except those whose duties or ultra-enthusiasm kept them moving about in the open.

The racing opened with the Jockey Cup, but out of a field of thirty-two only eight faced the starter. Rabbit and Cordite were the favourites and pleased their supporters by filling second and first places respectively. Pilot's third place paid fairly well.

The Exchange Plate only brought out three starters, and after a brilliant finish to a slow race Heather King won. Sunrise Rose's running was disappointing.

The race of the meeting—the Derby—came next, and general disappointment was felt at the death of starters. Contrary to general expectations only one "King" and one "Rose" started. G. M. King was considered to be a certain starter, as was Exchange King and Glorious Rose. The former (Old King) is, we believe, not in fit condition, and therefore will not run at this meeting, being reserved for the Shanghai Races. Considerable prices have been paid at the various selling sweeps for these ponies and the buyers will not congratulate themselves on their investments. The race proved an easy victory for Triumph Rose. From the start he moved like a piece of machinery, and when Mr. Hayes called on him for his final burst the pony responded eagerly, and won in a canter.

The Derby winners for the last six years together with their times have been—

1901 Kismet	2. 55
1902 Ivy	2. 53
1903 Brilliant	2. 58
1904 Coronet Rose	2. 58
1905 Coronet Rose	2. 57
1906 Triumph Rose	2. 52

In 1901, 1902 and 1903 the winners were Walters.

For the Gorman Cup there were eleven starters, the most fancied being Speculation, Common Rose, Maori King, Zepeter and Pathan. The race was run in a drizzling rain and after a fine race up the straight Zepeter and Maori King finished together—a dead heat—Pathan being a good third. Zepeter's dividend was not another \$340, amounting to only \$18 for a win and \$12 for a place.

The Electric Tramway Company provided an excellent and frequent service of trams to the Race Course both to-day and yesterday. Cars were run at intervals of one or two minutes so that there was little waiting, and the trip was accomplished in good time without any mishaps. The cars were crowded throughout both days and hundreds who were unable to obtain seats were forced to make the journey by the less expeditious rickshaws. At one time it was thought that the tramcars would be a nuisance on race days. They have proved themselves a boon.

**THE JOCKEY CUP.**—Value \$250. Second to receive \$100; and third \$50. For China Ponies Subscription Grifflins of any season. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners barred. Once round.

H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan's Cordite 10st. 12lb. (Capt. Leslie) 1  
Mr. Goetz's Rabbit 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Hamor) 2  
Mr. Meiland's Pilot 11st 1lb. (Mr. Simcock) 3

**THE OTHER STARTERS WERE:**  
\* Mr. S. H. Michael's Rising Sun 10st. 3lb. (Mr. Rutherford) 0  
Mr. Smith's Nugget 11st. 2lb. (Mr. Ingles) 0  
Mr. A. C. Hynde's Sirocco 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 0  
Mr. Macdonald's Highland Chief 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Robertson) 0  
Mr. Cruickshank's Spring Chicken 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Gresson) 0

The field started well together, Rabbit (on the rails) leading from Highland Chief and Rising Sun, Spring Chicken being last. At the first turn Rabbit led from Pilot by about a length, then came the field bunched two lengths further off. Going up the hill the ponies were together, Highland Chief being in a good position, with Cordite handy. At the village Rabbit and Cordite were almost level with Sirocco and Pilot next. The run home resulted in Cordite winning by a length from Rabbit; Pilot third. Time: 2 mins. 25 1/2 secs.

Part-mutual: Winner \$14.90; Placed, 1st \$7.60; 2nd \$6.81; 3rd \$19.20.

**THE EXCHANGE PLATE.**—Value \$1,000. Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Second to receive \$500; and third \$250. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting of one Race 7lb. extra; of two or more Races 10lb. extra. Grifflins allowed 5lb. Subscriptions Grifflins of this season 1905-1906 allowed 10lb. Unplaced Runners allowed 5lb. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

Mr. Pott's Heather King 11st. 11lb. (Mr. Burkhill) 1  
Mr. Dugor's White Blaze 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Moller) 2  
Mr. Buxey's Sunrise Rose 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Hayes) 3

Heather King got the best of the start, being on the rails, but before the start was passed for the first time Sunrise Rose led from Heather King, White Blaze being third, about a length between each pony. The same order was maintained until going up the hill when the field closed up. After passing the Rock Heather King and White Blaze drew level with Sunrise Rose and at the Village White Blaze led by

half a length. The race up the straight was a fine one, Heather King and White Blaze fighting for first position the whole way. Mr. Burkhill rode his pony finely and snatched victory from White Blaze by a length and three-quarters, Sunrise Rose being six lengths further away. Times: 2 mins. 28 1/2 secs.  
Part-mutual: Winner—\$370. Placed, 1st \$6.30.

**LUE HONGKONG DERBY.**—A Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$1,500 added. (Half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries.) For China Ponies bred before 1st January 1905. Weight for inches as per scale. Second 2) per cent.; and Third 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Triumph Rose 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Hayes) 1  
Mr. Pott's Emerald King 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Burkhill) 2  
Mr. Wingard's Rothern 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Cox) 3  
Mr. Kadourie's Arab Chief 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Moller) 4

The start was a good one, Triumph Rose being on the rails, Emerald King next, then Rothern, while Arab Chief was last. Going up the hill the first time round Emerald King went ahead and before the Black Rock was reached led by two lengths from Triumph Rose, Rothern being last. The leader had a four lengths' advantage going down the hill, while Arab Chief and Rothern were ten lengths further away. Emerald King increased his lead to about ten or eleven lengths at the Village, but by the time the Judge's Stand was reached for the first time the other ponies had closed up a little. The two leading ponies were moving splendidly, the action of Triumph Rose being especially admired. Nearing the Football Stand Triumph Rose began to make a move forward, while Rothern shot ahead of Arab Chief and set sail after the leaders, moving up to within a length of Triumph Rose. At the Rock Rothern had drawn level with Triumph Rose and Emerald King, and the trio galloped down the decline together. Before the Village was reached Triumph Rose took the lead, and soon gained a two lengths' advantage. When the straight was entered Triumph Rose had a good lead, while Rothern was pushing Emerald King. Mr. Burkhill drove his mount hard, but Mr. Buxey's pony galloped easily along. Triumph Rose won in the hollow of a fashion by about twenty lengths. Emerald King succeeded in beating Rothern by about five lengths, Arab Chief being a bad fourth. Times: 8 mins. 28 1/2 secs.

Part-mutual: Winner \$6.60; Placed, 1st \$6.67; 2nd \$7.70.

**THE GORMAN CUP.**—Presented by Members of the Club. Second to receive \$100; and third \$50. For China Ponies. Subscription Grifflins of this season 1905-1906. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a quarter.

Mr. E. W. Mitchell's Zepeter 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Dupree) 1  
Mr. G. H. Pott's Maori King 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Burkhill) 2  
129th Baluchis Pathan 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Alderton) 3

\* Dead Heat.

Other starters were:—  
Messrs T. F. Gough and R. Shawan's Halcyon Days 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Mackie) 0  
Sir Matthew Nathan's Shineosite 11st. 1lb. (Capt. Leslie) 0  
Mr. Cruickshank's Red Herring 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Cruickshank) 0  
\* Mr. G. O. Moron's Speculation 10st. 11lb. (Mr. Johnston) 0  
Mr. John Peel's Gaborlunzio 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Gresson) 0  
Mr. A. Babington's Rover 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Robertson) 0  
Mr. Daruis's Diadem 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Simcock) 0  
Mr. Buxey's Common Rose 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 0

A good start was obtained without any trouble, Common Rose and Red Herring taking command of the field, the latter being on the rails. This was the order passing the post and was changed but little by the time the Stand was reached. At the Black Rock the field had closed up and Common Rose had fallen back into the bunch, Red Herring being still in advance. By the time the Village was reached Pathan was challenging for first place but Red Herring was not to be displaced and maintained the leading position into the straight. In the run home Zepeter suddenly came out from the bunch, and after a good struggle finished a dead heat with Maori King, who had displaced Red Herring. Pathan was third. The race was run in the rain and the mist was so thick as to render it almost impossible to make out the horses' positions turning into the straight or for some seconds afterwards.

Part-mutual: Maori King \$18.40; Zepeter \$18.40; Placed: Zepeter \$12, Maori King, \$9.70; Pathan \$15.60.

**TAG GUN CUP.**—Presented by His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C. Second to receive \$100; and third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting of one Race 7lb. extra; of two or more Races 10lb. extra. Grifflins allowed 5lb. Subscriptions Grifflins of this season 1905-1906 allowed 10lb. Five Furlongs.

Mr. Peel's Ca Canny 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Johnston) 1  
Mr. Buxey's Fortune Rose 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Hayes) 2  
Mr. Dugor's White Blaze 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Moller) 3

The other starters were:—  
Mr. Buxey's La France Rose 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Mackie) 0  
Messrs Macdonald and Alderton's Banzi 10st. 7lb. (Mr. Alderton) 0  
Mr. Pott's Syssa King 11st 3lb. (Mr. Burkhill) 0  
Mr. Reibek's Saxonia 10st 9lb. (Mr. Simcock) 0  
Mr. Dryadnet's Jovial Monk 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Dupree) 0

The start showed Saxonia in front, with Ca Canny second, Jovial Monk third and Eycco King handy. The race was fairly fast and no one was leading the Village Syssa King went ahead, while at the same time Fortune Rose began to move through the pack. Coming into the straight Ca Canny led the field, but Fortune Rose was making a splendid finish, overhauling the leader rapidly. The distance was too short, however, and Ca Canny leaped long enough to win by a length and a quarter, White Blaze being third and Jovial Monk last. Time \$1.18 1/2.

Part-mutual, Winner \$9.30; Placed, 1st \$7.10; 2nd \$9.40; White Blaze \$8.80.

(Continued on Page 8.)

## HOW I SAW THE ILLUMINATIONS.

## Sight-seeing Extraordinary.

(BY A KOWLOONITE.)

I told my boy on Saturday evening that I wanted dinner early. He thought it over for a moment and I feared he was going to "no save" as is his custom when he does not want to do anything. However he remembered perhaps that he wanted to go out himself and kindly acquiesced. You don't know the sense of relief I felt. If the boy declares against anything it is waste of breath to argue.

I have known men, decent enough fellows in their way, but proud in their own conceit, who essayed to make their boys do what they were told, not what they wished. Most of these talented but misguided young men, who are not dead, have taken to drink, and you can occasionally find them prowling round outside the door of city bars intent upon seducing the soft and unsophisticated stranger into buying them beer. If the stranger yields to the not altogether unpraiseworthy dictates of humanity his fate is sealed. Not only will he have to sign a number of cheques which will stagger him when the next moon discloses its silvery light and shrubs over the face of the land, but he will have to listen to an incredible history of how the beer imbibed once succeeded in getting a house-boy to perform a duty exactly as he was ordered. All sense of proportion is lost after a course of mental wrestling with the passive resistance of the Chinese menial, and these unhappy dervishes upon the ocean of life cannot understand that such reckless romancing would even offend the conscience of a radical candidate.

My boy is aware that His Royal Highness is visiting us. I knew this was when he condescended to borrow five dollars from me. Every festival is marked by these forced levies. He prefers that they should come early in the month as that gives him an opportunity of working the debt out by buying, on my account, a sufficient number of things for which I have no earthly use. Do I demur? Not I. I value my digestion too highly. If anything should delude me into the unpeppable folly of opposing his wishes I know that my "chow" will sustain a series of accidents which will continue until I capitulate. The young married lady who sought sympathy from an older woman of the double harness because her husband showed an inclination to spend more time at the club than he should received the advice "feed the brute." My boy by the same chain of reasoning has evidently learnt that the "Little Mary" is only his method of applying his knowledge that is different.

As it suited his convenience that I should go out on Saturday night earlier than usual the dinner happened along in due course. My boy "chews" me to use the refined and expressive term which is locally applied to this trouble saving device. That is to say I pay him a sum which would enable about ten Chinese families to roll in luxury to provide me with food and there my share of the transaction ends. He states politely and other essentials from the neighbours, and everyone is satisfied. That is to say I am and the boy has so far dodged goal. I wish often he had not. Many times I have dismissed him but he refuses to go and there the matter ends. If it were not for my invertebrate detestation of discursiveness I would add a little more about the boy. He is an inexhaustible subject. But I make it a strict practice to keep rigidly on the track of my discourse—as the intelligent reader will already have noticed—and my subject is the illuminations.

Consider then dinner discussed. Perhaps I should explain that curiosity is my strong point. An inquiring mind has over been mine and I relentlessly devote myself to the solution of the most perplexing problems. Thus I had only proceeded a little way down a certain street in Kowloon when I observed a considerable building brightly illuminated in the lower stories. Approaching nearer I read a quaint inscription on a folding door: "For residents only." The before mentioned curiosity was aroused. I had pledged my word, which has never yet been doubted—except by base shroofs who have the objectionable habit of judging things of the present by the past—that I would write for the CHINA MAIL a few columns on the subject of the illuminations which would betray brilliant descriptive ability. This I am led to understand is much in request, if little in evidence, just now. Here, I thought I, in my chance. Doubtless this is a centre of information and within a resident can imbibe much that is useful. Entering I found a spacious apartment excellently illuminated. One corner seemed to be monopolising the attention of the people, perhaps because of a chaste arrangement of bottles against plate glass. The "tout ensemble," if I can drag into use that overworked expression with due apologies to it for once more trotting it out, when it can hardly stagger after the continuous employment of the last couple of days, was satisfactory enough, but with true artistic perception the assemblage recognised that it was but a presentment of still life. Something was necessary to give movement, and some genius had evidently discovered a method which had commended itself to his fellows. Menials were instructed to fill goblets with various different coloured liquids, which when waved aloft gleamed and glittered in the light. A good example is always worth following so I joined the crowd and, procuring a goblet, waved it in the air and observing that the others poured the contents into their mouths I kept it in the fashion. A little reflection showed me that this was indeed a well considered expedient. By having the goblet filled with a different coloured liquid each time a pleasant variety was lent to the performance, producing a sort of kaleidoscope effect. I continued assisting in this loyal endeavour to brighten the surroundings and observed a most curious thing that is worthy of investigation by physiologists. This devotion to a good cause so sed to reflect upon the devotees. As they manfully aided in diversifying the colour scheme their spirits became light. Some in their enthusiasm embraced each other. Others did their best to add the charm of appropriate solos, though early in the evening I thought that it might have been better if they had not all essayed to simultaneously sing different songs. However, singularly enough, as the night drew on I forgot to remark that this made any difference, and found myself so overcome with my enthusiasm that I have a somewhat indistinct recollection of embracing one of the menials and insisting upon him joining me in singing a song I do not know but which apparently ran (on Saturday night):—

There's a health unto His Majesty  
His Majesty, His Majesty;  
There's a health unto His Majesty;  
Now he who will not drink this toast  
I wish him neither health nor wealth.  
The rest of it has escaped my memory if it ever held it captive. But I could not help thinking that it was a very beautiful result of the illuminations that race distinctions should be forgotten and that our better feelings should get the upper hand and we were prepared to embrace the affronted alien. One of my companions was so carried away by his enthusiasm that his affection found a vent even upon inanimate objects as, I found when I drifted through the door and saw him fervently hugging a post and pressing fervent osculatory salutations upon the unresponsive paint.

A singular lapse of memory prevents me from detailing any further impressions. Strangely enough I found myself in the street until I was awakened at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning by what I thought was the firing of a salute. It turned out however to be only my boy who had been standing by my bedside opening a bottle of soda water.

## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, January 12.

The general election of 1900 was flat and uninteresting. For one thing we were still at war and the homely proverb about swapping horses while crossing the stream was not without its application, and, besides that, there was no outstanding question that called for the decision of the electors. It is different now, when the public have to decide upon fiscal reform, the imminence of Home Rule, the treatment of the unemployed, the Education and Licensing legislation of the late government and Chinese labour. Party feeling is running high and we look forward to a record poll in all constituencies. The excitement of the time is not confined to the seven and a half million electors whose work began with today's polling at Ipswich, but a large number of non-electors are shouting themselves hoarse and breaking up the meetings of candidates of whom they disapprove. Already the Prime Minister, and Mr. Lloyd-George on the one hand, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour on the other, and a good many lesser lights have been howled down. Vulgar abuse is not peculiar to either party, but I believe it will be found that it generally is the expression of the resentment of the man who has no vote, and has no means of expressing his feelings save by the strength of his lungs.

The slimmest trick up to date was played by the Randalls. Anticipating the return of a ministry pledged against the utilisation of Chinese labour, they obtained in the last days of the old administration, an abnormal number—nearly six months' supply of licenses for the importation of Chinese coolies, and Lord Elgin found himself powerless to revoke these licenses. So the mining industry escapes immediate dislocation and the situation in South Africa is saved for some months to come. Ministerial speakers profess themselves shocked at the trick by which their immediate and drastic interference has been warded off, but I suspect they are secretly thankful for the breathing time given in which to concoct some sort of representative body to express the opinion of the Transvaal. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, though he speaks louder now, was certainly "hedging" on the question last July.

If the way in which the mine-owners outwitted the new government was the cleverest incident of the contest, the Manchester handbill was certainly the dirtiest. Some enthusiast has been sowing thickly over East Manchester an attack on Mr. Balfour's grandfather, who died sixty years ago. It seems that that prehistoric individual enriched himself in an unusually brief space of time in India, and some gossiping biographer hinted at peculation, and now this antiquated scandal is dished up in order to injure the fair fame of the grandson. The document has been discovered by the Liberal candidate, but that it should have appeared at all is a proof of the interest taken in the present election, when some, at all events, are so eager to win that they are willing to avail themselves of the foulest weapons.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A well attended meeting of ladies was held at the Shanghai Hotel Bazaar recently for the purpose of forming a Ladies Riding Club. After a short discussion the Club was formed with a membership of over eighty. Mrs. R. W. Shaw, of the Farm, was elected the first President, and a Committee was appointed.

It is reported that General Linewitch remains in Harbin, supervising the transport of troops, which is expected to be completed towards the end of this year. He will return to Russia next month, and will then be appointed Minister for War. A number of his Staff officers will visit Japan shortly on leave.

H. E. Sir John Anderson, will sail, with Miss Anderson, from Singapore for England on Thursday, 1st March by the P. & O. s.s. "Dakia," connecting at Colombo with s.s. "Moldavia." They will be away from Singapore four months. In the meantime the Government of the Colony will be entrusted to Sir William Taylor, who will also continue to carry on the duties connected with his office of Resident-General of the Federated Malay States. Sir William is expected to arrive at Singapore on either the 28th or February or the 1st of March.

The Express says that on the occasion of the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg, Madrid will be transformed into a flower garden. Wagon loads of roses and other flowers will be brought from the southern provinces for the decoration of the city. The fountains in Madrid will run wine. There will be a huge costume procession, in which students and others will take part. There will also be a monster bull fight, in which the participants will wear historical costumes. The coronation of Princess Ena to Catholicism will be celebrated with great solemnity at the Cathedral of San Francisco in Madrid. The Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo will preside at the ceremonies, which will be attended by nine Archbishops and forty-six Bishops.

## NOVEL PICK-POCKET DODGE.

A queer pick-pocket dodge was exposed at the Thames Court, London.

John Powell was charged with stealing a purse from an insurance agent named Farmer. As the latter was leaving a beer-house, a man accosted him and engaged him in talk.

Powell came up and joined in. Then he pretended, with a tape, to measure another man, and returned to Farmer, saying, "Your leg isn't as big as his." He passed the tape over his own acquaintance, and incidentally took a purse, with 7s. 6d. in it. He left in a hurry, and was crouching behind a boarding when a policeman who had given chase caught him. Powell was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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## TELEGRAPHING PHOTOGRAPHS.

VIENNA, Jan. 6.—Much interest has been manifested in a lecture given by Dr. Korn on the new method of photography from long distances. Recent experiments have shown that a cabinet size portrait now requires from twenty to thirty minutes for transmission over hundreds of miles. It is not likely that the invention will often be used for personal photographs, but as it is equally applicable to the production of signatures, documents, sketches, etc., the system, which is now available for public use, is expected to be of considerable service to the Press, and for the ends of justice.

## THE TIPPING EVIL IN PARIS.

What New Year Means.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, January 6.

The great fêtes of le Jour de l'An, or New Year Fêtes, are now in full swing. Everybody makes presents to everybody else, and it would be considered almost a crime to omit sending your visiting card, not only to your friends and acquaintances, but to your immediate neighbours and people you may have met but once or twice in your life. The printing booths in the Boulevards and rues are doing a roaring trade. You get 100 cards for one franc, and a hundred little envelopes specially made for the purpose, for six sous, postage being one sou each. There is not only this pleasant bother of sending cards, which in all probability will reach their destination three or four weeks after New Year, and very often don't get there at all, but there is the expensive duty of giving etrennes, or New Year's tips, to the postmen—one who brings the letters, one who brings the parcels and one who brings the printed matter. Then there are the various taks to tip—the one who serves the coffee in your usual Café; and the one who waits on you at lunch or dinner, and the one who serves you with wines. As at every meal you give a tip of two sous to a franc I don't see why people should give the New Year's tip of three francs. Ask a Frenchman why and he shrugs his shoulders and says: C'est l'habitude.

An American lady who resides in Paris to educate her children is almost in despair owing to tips. She thought fifty francs would be ample, but also she finds it will take four times that amount. The servant's wages are usually doubled; the concierge or hall porter expects two francs for every hundred paid in rent; there is the Gas Company's man, the water man, the "boys" from the butchers and grocers. In fact everybody who brings anything expects the etrenne. If you don't give the hakey's boy will "forget" to bring your bread, the other boys will delay bringing your parcels; the concierge will forget to hand over letters, or keep you waiting at the door for half an hour, tell visitors you are not at home and vice versa. They know their power and reap a golden harvest.

The "Pandora" case came to an abrupt end yesterday without the accused being called upon to develop his defence. Mr. Thomas Caradoc Kerry, in an exploring voyage to the Antarctic regions had undertaken the delivery of a great number of articles of small intrinsic value to the inhabitants of Tristan d'Acunha and had failed to deliver them; or some of them. Certain of the senders tried to treat the matter as a fraudulent conversion of goods entrusted by them, but Mr. Justice Graham held that Mr. Kerry's action in throwing away goods that encumbered his small yacht was at the worst a case for a civil not a criminal court, and that there was no case to go before an Old Bailey jury. So the prosecution, after lingering

for several weeks collapsed and a distinguished explorer is free to go on his voyages again, with a hint that he should be a little more careful in the future how he undertakes commissions it may be irksome to fulfil. "If it be true" that the expense to the Government was £20,000 and to Mr. Kerry £10,000 the blunder on some one's part is serious.

The committee of the National Art Collections Fund have been unable to gather together the thirty-five or forty thousand pounds necessary to prevent the Rokeby Velasquez passing into private or foreign hands. Velasquez is now represented by some 275 examples, of which a hundred are in Spain, and 120 in England, while the remainder are scattered over the United States and Europe. We owe our discovery of his (then) forgotten merits and the possession of so many of his works, primarily to the Napoleonic wars, and are so rich in his works that there was perhaps a feeling that we could afford to ignore the opportunity of acquiring another at a price possibly not unique for so fine a picture, but certainly a high one.

There are in existence two skulls of Oliver Cromwell and, it seems, no fewer than five skeletons of Bolinas (1764-1789) the famous racehorse who was never beaten. Professor Ray Lankester maintains that the genuine one is the one in the Veterinary Surgeons' Museum in Red Lion Square here, but another in Edinburgh has its defenders, and Mr. Cumming Macdonald saw yet another in Dublin. Even within a century it seems possible for the bones of a notable horse to multiply themselves like the relics of saints in mediaeval times.

## AMERICAN TERCENTENARY.

British Naval Visit.

The British Admiralty has accepted an invitation to be represented by one or more ships at the American tercentenary, which is to be held in 1976, to celebrate the birth of the Western nation. An international squadron is to assemble in Hampton Roads, Virginia, at the request of President Roosevelt, and most of the European navies will be represented. The authorities hope to secure a composite regiment of European troops to march past with American soldiers at Jamestown, on the opening of the big exhibition of the world's manufactures which is to be held there from May to November next year in connection with the celebrations.

## QUARANTINE AT NETHERLANDS-INDIA.

The Governor-General of Netherlands-India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong or having called at this port are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of five days from the date of departure from this port or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, hides, which are untanned and which are salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks, which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at this port. Also it is temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong into Netherlands-India (repeating and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

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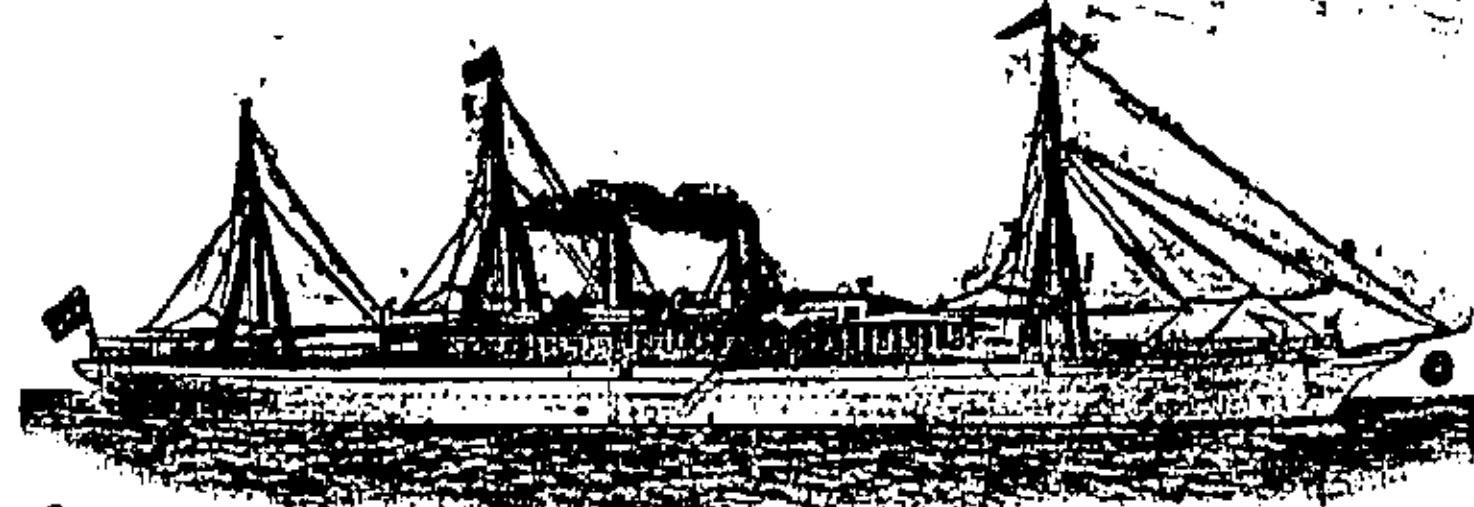
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MANILA	TAMING	20th February.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, OAKINS, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	TENNAI	26th February.

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\* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.  
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## CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
RUBI	2540	R. Almend	Manila	19th Feb. 12 o'clock Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	24th Feb. 12 o'clock Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.**

## HONGKONG—NEW YORK.

## AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.  
(With Liberty to Call at the MALABAR COAST.)

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
MINNESOTA	3753	J. Alwen	New York	16th March 1906.
DAKOTA	3906	T. W. Garlick	New York	24th April 1906.

For Freight and further information, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.**

## GLEN LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

## FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship **GLENSTRAE**, Captain J. McManis, will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 22nd February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,**

## THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship **SEMINOLE**, Tons 6,080, will be despatched about end of February, 1906.

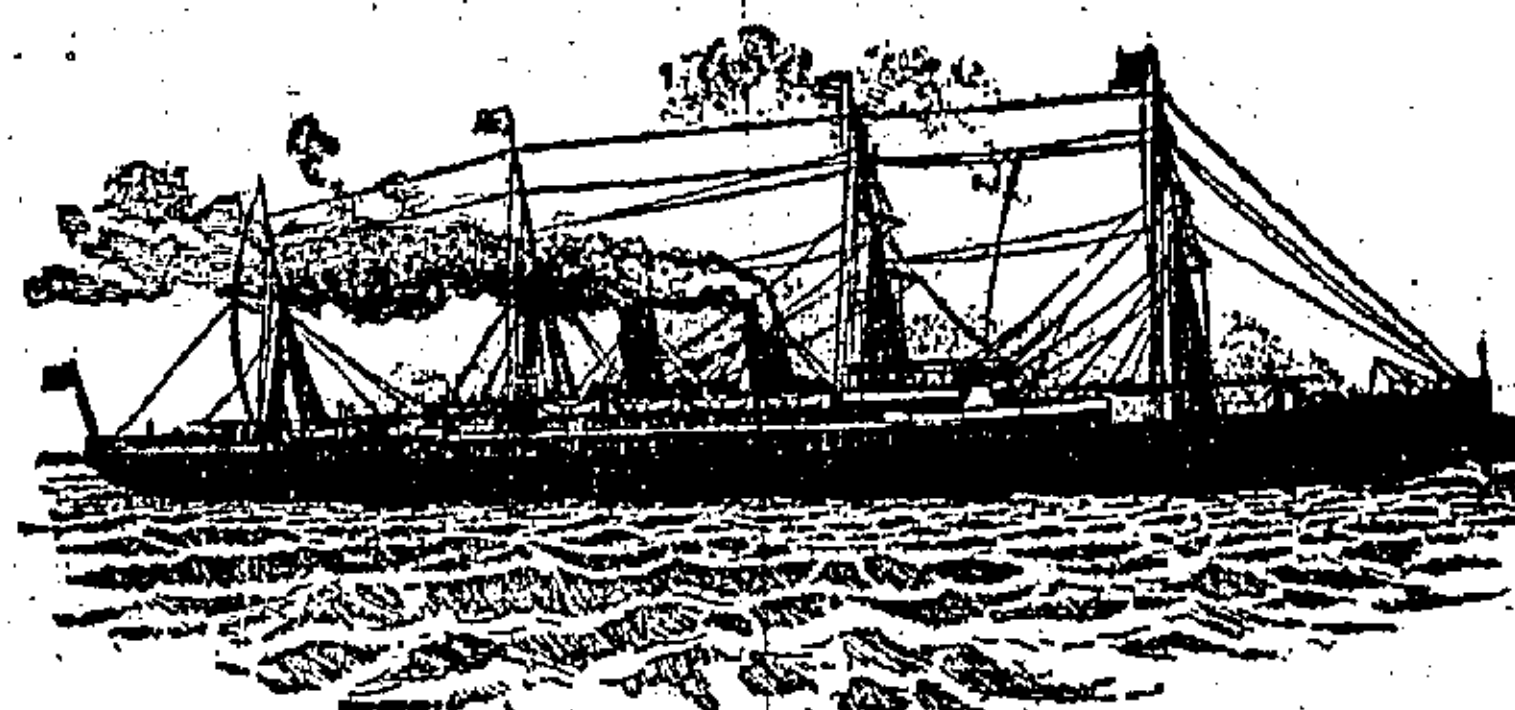
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## Shipping.

## PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL S.S. CO., TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

COITIC	9,000 Gross Tons	TUESDAY, 20th Feb., at Noon.
* SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 2nd Mar., at Noon.
* AMERICA MARU	11,000	SATURDAY, 10th Mar., at Noon.
* MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 17th Mar., at Noon.
* CHINA	10,200	SATURDAY, 24th Mar., at Noon.
* NIPPON MARU	11,000	TUESDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
* DORIC	9,600	TUESDAY, 10th April, at Noon.
* MANOHUA	27,000	TUESDAY, 17th April, at Noon.
* HONGKONG MARU	11,000	TUESDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
* KOREA	18,000	TUESDAY, 1st May, at Noon.

\* Twin Screws.

## RECORD FAST TRIPS.

Yokohama to San Francisco...S.S. KOREA, 18,000 tons. September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.  
San Francisco to Honolulu...S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons. August 18th-20th, 1905 4 days, 19 hours.  
San Francisco to Yokohama...S.S. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en-route, August 18th-31st, 1905, 13 days, 18 hours.  
Yokohama to San Francisco...S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905 10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

THE O. & O. Steamship COITIC, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, OAHU, HONOLULU, and SAN FRANCISCO, on TUESDAY, the 20th February, 1906, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Ocean Ports of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.  
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

**S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.**

## PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 20th February, 1906, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	Tons	CAPTAIN	To SAIL ON
ARABIA	4483	MEYERSTEIN	Feb. 20, at Daylight.
ARAGONIA	5198	ERST	Mar. 11, at Daylight.
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGEMANN	Mar. 23, at Daylight.
NUMANTIA	4370	FELDMANN	April 8, at Daylight.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

**S. SILVERSTONE, Acting General Agent.**

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
NIKKO MARU, (Tons 5,539 Gross Reg.)	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE & ADELAIDE.	FRIDAY, 16th February, at 4 p.m.
YAWATA MARU, (3,814 Tons Gross Reg.)	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 23rd February, at 4 p.m.

These steamers possess passenger accommodation unrivaled in luxury and comfort by any other steamers plying between the Orient and Australia. High-class Cuisine, Electric Light and Refrigerator—Doctor and Stewardess carried.

## TEMPORARY EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
BARALONG, (3,814 Tons Gross Reg.)	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Port Said.	SUNDAY, 11th March, at Daylight.

Taking Freight only.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

**A. S. MIHARA, Manager.**

## GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA (PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA OF JAPAN).

THE MAGNIFICENT NEW TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS 'MINNESOTA' AND 'DAKOTA' (Each Tons 30,718 Gross Reg.)

Will be despatched from HONGKONG as follows:—  
**MINNESOTA**, Captain J. H. RINDER, On or about FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1906.  
**DAKOTA**, Captain E. FRANK, On or about TUESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1906.

Conveying Cargo to the Pacific Coast, United States and Canadian Overland Common Points; also Passengers to the United States, Europe, &c.

These Steamers are luxuriously fitted with spacious SITES and STATEROOMS, equipped with CIRCULATING LIBRARY, MUSIC, SMOKING ROOMS, BARBER SHOP, NURSERY, STEAM LAUNDRY, &c.

Special Provision is made for the safe transit of SILK, TREASURE and Valuable Cargo; and PARCELS carried at low rates to all points of U.S.A. in connection with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Express Companies.

Trans-Pacific Cabin Passengers by this Line can, if desired, TRAVEL BY RAIL between the ports of Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE. Also FIRST-CLASS RETURN TICKETS to Shanghai and Japan Ports are available for return by the steamers of the REGULAR MAIL LINES.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **NIPPON YUSEN KAISEI, Agents.**

## Shipping.

## NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(FLORENCE & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

## STEAM FOR BOMBAY.

Via SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUVA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA, and CUNEO; also YOKOHAMA and THURSDAY, all MONTECATINI, ADRIATIC, LANTANA, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to GALLI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAHAMAS, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship **CAPRI**, Captain BELSTO, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

At Bombay the steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to **CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, February 6, 1906. 260

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship **CATHERINE APCAR**, Captain A. STEWART, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.**

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## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship **HATAN**, Captain J. S. ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS, LAURIE & Co., General Managers.**

Hongkong, February 12, 1906. 300

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

## STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, MANILA, Cebu, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship **SALAZIE**, Captain AILLAN, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 20th February, 1906, at 1 p.m.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.







